programe implementation. SIA quality has recently improved in several districts of western UP due to number of steps that have been taken by the programme, like increased deployment of WHO/NPSP staff, increased presence of the Social Mobilization Network, training to enhance the inter-personal skills of vaccination teams, and increased focus given to re-visiting houses where children may have been missed during the initial visit by the vaccination team. These improvements have been recent and will be continued and sustained for multiple rounds before their effect will be felt. At the most recent meeting of the Indian Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) it was noted that "a full twelve months of high quality activity will be necessary to ensure that immunity gaps are closed and transmission of wild poliovirus is stopped."

Complaints against AIIMS

1888. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint from the AIIMS faculty members on the functioning of the Institute;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether action has been taken to inquire into the allegations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for rectification?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) The Faculty Association of AIIMS has made complaints against the Director, AIIMS for his indecisiveness and lack of interest in long term development of the institute, leading to surrender of funds, inaccessibility and harassment of Faculty.

(c) and (d) The Institute Body at its meeting held on 5.7.2006 considered the style of functioning of Director, the manner of his handling strike in May, 2006 and other related issues and resolved that the term of Director may be terminated in the public interest. However, the recommendations of Institute Body has been stayed by Delhi High Court. The matter is subjudice.

The Ministry has set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Valiathan to study the functioning of AIIMS and to make recommendations for further development of the Institute.